

The Duncan House

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HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

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... AND THE BARREN PLACE IS A FRUITFUL FIELD

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FLYING

The first airplane to land in Wasatch County came in 1921 when Lt. Russell L. Maughan flew an Army DeHaviland plane into Heber to pay a call on his mother-in-law, Mrs. David Fisher.

Lt. Maughan later won international fame when, on June 21, 1925, he left Mitchell Field in New York at dawn and flew non-stop to San Francisco by dusk.

When he came to Heber he landed on the James W. Clyde farm at Sixth South and Main. It was the first time many of the residents had seen an airplane. Schools were dismissed the following day so that students could witness the "take-off."

In later years a modern up-to-date airport was built south of Heber for private as well as emergency aircraft use.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

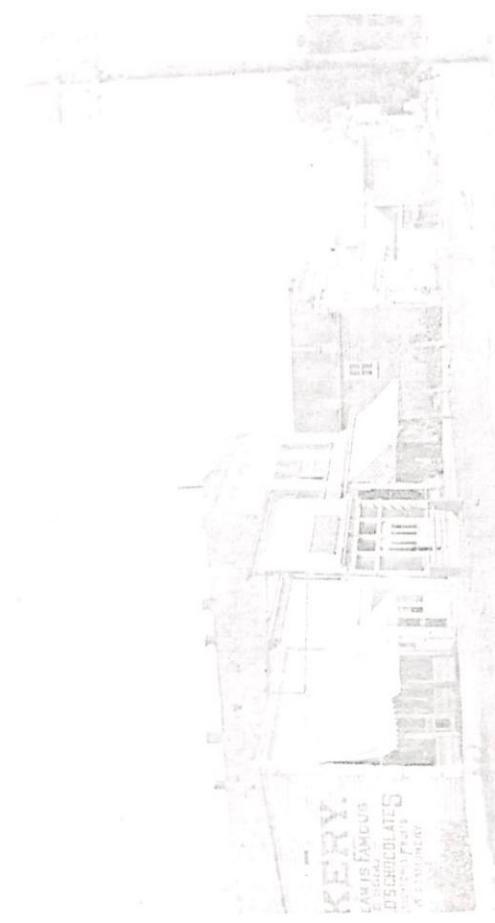
Travel in and out of Heber by whatever means brought the need for hotel service and several fine hotels were established. U. S. Highway 40 through the city has brought many tourists to the area in recent years and the hotel and motel business has been consistently good.

The first hotel in Heber known as the McMullin House was built by Mr. and Mrs. Henry McMullin Sr. on the west side of Main Street at the corner of First North. Initially they had their own sleeping quarters a kitchen and two rooms upstairs for rent. Shortly thereafter about 1875, they built a brick building on the same location that had seven rooms for



The Duncan House, popular Heber hotel, is shown here in this 1918 photograph.

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